

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 647

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jerry Lee for his
invaluable service to the Advisory Council on
Workers' Compensation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
thank those citizens who have faithfully served on advisory councils to the legislature in their
fields of expertise; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee is one such citizen who served this Body and the State as a
voting member of the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation from 2004-2013; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation provides information,
research, and recommendations concerning workers' compensation issues to the Tennessee
General Assembly, the Department of Commerce and Insurance, and the Department of Labor
and Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee served on the council as one of the three voting members
representing employees; he worked a year beyond his term in order to ensure that his position
could be filled; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Tennessee, Mr. Lee graduated from Gallatin High
School before continuing his education at the University of Tennessee, where he attained a
Bachelor of Science degree with honors; he also holds a certificate in Labor Law from the
George Meany Center of Labor Studies and is a graduate of Leadership Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the president of the Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council from 2003-2011,
Mr. Lee represented 180,000 members across the state and as such, was the Chief Lobbyist in
the Tennessee General Assembly for the group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee has held important roles in a variety of labor related roles, including as a member of the TNLMC Executive Steering Committee, president of the Nashville Building and Trade Council since August 2000, and the twice elected Business Manager and Financial Secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 429 from 1998-2003; and

WHEREAS, as a dedicated supporter of employees and employee rights in the workplace, Jerry Lee has proposed and supported issues aimed at improving working conditions, health care, retirement, and legal justice, for all working people in Tennessee for decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee displays a tireless dedication to social and economic justice, and he is a member of a variety of groups dedicated to those causes, including A. Phillip Randolph Institute, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Coalition of Labor Union Women, the NAACP, the Nashville Peace and Justice Center, and the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to leadership in the State of Tennessee extends beyond his role on the Advisory Council, and Mr. Lee has held a variety of other advisory positions, including on the State Unemployment Compensation Council, the Advisory Board of M. Lee Smith Publishers, the AFL-CIO Appalachian Council, the Tennessee Department of Human Services Families First Advisory Council, as well as serving as a board member for the Tennessee Governors Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee has also served as a member of Jobs with Justice and the Tennessee Employment Relations Research Associations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Pamela; the couple has three sons; and

WHEREAS, when not working toward the betterment of others, he appreciates the outdoors and enjoys activities such as camping, hiking, photography, arts, and music; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Lee's dedication to, tireless efforts on behalf of, and support of the working citizens of the State of Tennessee deserves the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Jerry Lindsay Lee for his years of public service, extending our thanks and best wishes for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.